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#### "IN HIS STEPS."

Sait Lake City, Jan. 6, 1901. Editor Deseret Evening News:

Would you be kind enough to answer the following question through the columns of your popular paper:
Since the days of Christ up to the present, has there a people lived who have been "followers" of Him; if not, will a time come when mankind will love one another and walk in "He

will a time come when mankind will love one another and walk in "His steps," unless they live the command given the rich man, not give, but 'sell all they have," whether they be rich or poor, one to another?

Respectfully, one in the cause of humanity,

J. H. MIDGLEY.

In reply to the foregoing we will say, there have been many persons who have endeavored to live according to the precepts of the Savior of the world, Probably there has never been a time since His crucifixion when there were no such followers of the Christ. That they have not carried out His teachings to perfection will be conceded. They form a standard which even the very best of human beings would have a mighty struggle to reach. Some of those precepts would be impossible to fully practice, except by a concert of action among a community. Individuals would go down under the weight of opposition that would overwhelm

Yes, there will come a time when all mankind will be brethren and practice the golden rule. This will be a gradual advance. The influence of the example and doctrines of the Divine Nazarene has been felt in the world to a wonderful extent, and is manifest today in all civilized nations, though not in sufficient power to bring about the consummation foreseen by all the inspired men of the ages past.

Just as sure as the Son of God came into the world and accomplished His mission on earth, so sure will the kingdoms of this world become His kingdom, and He will reign and rule in the hearts of men and over all peoples and dominions and powers. Peace will universally prevail, all enmity depart, and fraternity will make all interests com-

But our correspondent seems to fall into a frequent error in regard to special teachings of the Savior, which are often interpreted in a general sense. The advice to the young man about selling all he had, etc., was for him, not for everybody. If he had taken it joyfully, instead of turning away sorrowfully, he would have been numbered among those close disciples of Jesus, who followed Him in His ministry and want where He sent them as His ambassadors. Everybody is not called to that work. Commands given to such chosen instruments as the Apostles, are not always applicable to others.

If all Christians are to sell all they have who are to be the buyers? If they were to merely give it to one another how long would the proceeds last and what kind of a community would there be in a short time? The general spirit of Christ's teachings is that of brotherhood and love, kindness and compassion, ald to the needy and relief for the afmanity as it is, with all its weaknesses | both plausible and interesting. and needs and do not attempt impossis | He starts with the propostion that,

have, to be led by the spirit of the food, we have a healthy community. Savior. Their efforts will not be in vain. But let ten, twenty or a hundred times The good there is in all nations and in as many people crowd together in the all the creeds will live, while the errors same area. The air becomes vitiated, will die. And the love for God and His | the water contaminated, and the soil children of every race and condition polluted. The consequence is that diswhich Christ taught and exemplified, case appears, and unless the conditions will in due time permente the souls of | are remedied, life will become extinct.

### INTOLERANCE IN BOSTON.

Reviewers of the past century have recently glorified our age for the progress of religious telerance. They have pointed out that in every land that lays claim to civilization, legislation has accorded to people of differ-

as a rule tended in a liberal direction, it crobes of Fraenkel are multiplying and is also true that popular sentiment has producing their toxins and antitoxins. not always followed in the paths made | suddenly the patient has a chill. That by legislators. Not even in this country. that should be at the head and front in charged with the toxins. An inflammamatters of religious and political tolera. tory reaction now sets in which ention, has the principle of freedom to deavors to limit and localize the infecworship according to the dictates of tion, by consolidation. If this is suc-

everywhere. of the late ex-Governor Wolcott, on constant absorption, and death soon which occasion a Unitarian clergyman ends the scene.

made at the time when "Christian" churches, at the suggestion of the leaders of the Evangelical Alliance, are engaging in prayer, all over the world, for the union of all believers in the Savior. This clergyman, who thinks his church desecrated because a prayer is read, not fashioned in accordance with the Episcopalian pattern, is a fair sample of the progress of religious toleration among a large class of people, wen in this most enlightened of all

Some of our Eiders soing from place to place with their testimony of the Gospel, wonder at the bigotry that often denies them the privilege of using church buildings in which to hold services. But it is evident that a good many clergymen still live in the days of Cromwell, when to be a heretic was to be worthy of death at the stake; They are survivals of the past ages, no doubt as honest in their convictions, as are the so-called Convenanters who refuse to fulfill any duties of citizenship, as long as the Constitution grants liberty to the Roman Catholics. They are honest, but dangerous in a country ike this, and their actions suggest that there is still much to do in this country, as elsewhere, in the interest of toleration and liberty.

#### RAILROAD STATISTICS.

The fourteenth annual report of the interstate Commerce commission, submitted to Congress on the 4th of this month, shows that the gross earnings of the railroads operated for the year ending June 30 last, amounted to \$1,480,673,054, or \$7,776 per mile. Of these earnings \$369,860,760 were classed as passenger earnings and \$1,048,268,-875 as freight earnings. The gross earnings shown in the final report for the preceding year were \$1,313,610,118. Operating expenses for the last fiscal year aggregated \$956,814,142, or \$5,025 per mile of line. The net earnings of the roads embraced in this advance report were \$523,858,912 for 1900, or \$73,-110,747 more than they were for 1899. Income from investments and other sources amounting to \$60,675,700 were received, so that the total income was \$584.534,612. The amount of dividends declared was \$109,400,147, which is said to be about twenty-seven and a half millions in excess of the dividends during the previous year.

The total force employed by the roads for the year was 928,924 persons, and of these 2,210 were killed and 34,-923 injured, which shows, by the way that the accidents and fatalities of the railroad traffic during one year are about equal to those of a small war, The commission recommends that a system of public supervision should be maintained and a close inspection made of the rolling stock in service, so that no wear or breakage may go unnoticed and unremedied. It is not proposed that such public inspection shall in any respect interfere with the duties of the operating companies respecting repairs. Such Inspection would require some expenditure of money, but in view of the large dividends paid to stockholders, the railroad companies should not feel an expenditure for the purpose suggested too much of a finan-

The sum of \$15,000 was appropriated by Congressatits last session, to enable the commission to exercise to some extent such supervision, and the report says this has proved highly salutary, for in every case communications sent to the railroad companies concerning the equipment of the roads, have been favorably acted upon and many improvements have been effected. The system of inspection should therefore be maintained and rendered still more effective, It is claimed that railroad accidents have been greatly reduced during the last couple of years, and there is no reason why they should not be still. more reduced. One of the most fruitful sources of mishaps on the roads is said to be the neglect of keeping the automatic couplers in proper repair. and such neglects are certainly not un-

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

A contributor to the Medical Record, flicted. But they also comprehend the Dr. R. Hertzberg, writing from Standuties of citizenship, the struggle for ford. Conn., offers an explanation of the mertal existence, the labors of life, the | self-limitation of infectious diseases, by relationship of men and women to each | which is meant, we presume, that they other and the common affairs of peoples | so often run their course, after which and nations. They are adapted to hus the patients recover. His reasoning is

given a certain area of ground which There are hosts of people today who furnishes a limited number of persons are striving, according to the light they fresh air, pure water, drainage and

all living beings, and we shall in very This holds good, he argues in plant life deed be the sons of God and brothers | as well as in animal life. And he concludes that the law governing micro-organisms is the same. Hence, as long as the bacilli producing contagious diseases have ample room in which to live and breed, the disease will go on, but when this room is limited, it will soon be overcrowded, and the bacilli themselves

will become sick and die. Pneumonia, the doctor says, is a discase which illustrates this. After infecent beliefs equal rights and protec- fion has taken place we have the incuation period, lasting a variable length While it is true that legislation has, of time, during which period the mimeans that the system is becoming surconscience been perfectly mastered cessful the organisms are hemmed in, and reproduction continues; crowd-An instance illustrating this fact is ling and its consequences result, and the related by a Boston paper. An Epis- death of the disease germs is soon mani-

copal clergyman of that city said last fested by the crisis. If the hemming in Sunday, in his sermon, that in his opins is not successfully performed, new ion the Trinity church had been des- areas are constantly invaded, the criecrated, because its rector had permits | six does not appear, the patient becomes ted it to be used for the funeral services surcharged with the toxins from the

had been permitted to read the prayers. The same process, we are told, takes The preacher did not hesitate to say place in typhold fever, only much more that the Episcopal church had been slowly. The conclusion is that the law greatly demoralized by this act. This holds good in all infectious diseases.

they are hemmed in within a limited his beast. area, just as higher animal life perishes under similar conditions.

Without any comment on this theory. it is evident that there are many things to learn about the world of micro-organisms revealed to science in the last few years. And if it were possible to study their structure and habits, as those of higher plants and animals are made the objects of observation, we fancy that very few diseases would exist, and none would really be dreaded. The battle against bacilli would be as casy as that against rattlesnakes, or tigers. It would be as easy to discern between the good and bad, as it is to do so between useful plants and animals, and their opposites.

Probably not till such knowledge shall have been more accurate and more general than it is today, will mankind be free from many of the nasty superstitions in the treatment of diseases, that have been handed down to us from the age of alchemy, astrology and quack-

#### TO DO GOOD PAYS.

Victor H. Olmstead in the Bulletin of the Department of Labor, calls attention to the workings of the "welfare institutions" that have been tried by employers of labor, in the hope that the experiments may find a more general application.

One institution commenced by organlzing excursions for the employes, arranging meetings and concerts, and conducting ethical classes, where social patriotic questions were discussed. Then they went on to organize insurance funds, instituted vacations and shortened the working-day. And all this was found to be a paying investment. The result was "better work, better men, and better citizens." The improvement gave returns in dollars and cents. Nearly all who have engaged in this kind of practical philanthropy have found that money expended in establishing social, educational and recreative clubs, gymnasiums, libraries, and lecture courses, industrial, manualtraining, and cooking schools and in general in providing for the health of employes, and for their entertainment and instruction during hours of leisure, has been more than returned in good will and increased efficiency.

Especial attention is called to the work done by the Cash Register company of Dayton, O. This company has a cottage for its employes, containing a library and a room for clubs, kindergarten, and other classes. There are bathrooms, a dining room and a read. ing room. The company also asks for suggestions from the working men, paying cash prizes for a new idea that is found practical. Of the result of these measures, one of the officers of the company has this to say:

"First, the creation of an esprit de corps among the employes, and the improvement of their morals as well as that of their families and all the neighthat of their families and all the neigh-borhood; second, they result in more in-telligent labor, and enable the company to command a higher class of people; third, having a better class of people, the company secures better work and more of it, the employes being rendered more efficient and capable of performing much more and better work than for-merly; fourth, they have created an at-mosphere of good fellowship and warm mosphere of good-fellowship and warm family interest among employes and their families, and have removed the barriers that ordinarily exist between employer and employes; fifth, the character of the workmen has been elevated, and throughout the entire city a love of better homes and a desire to do bet-ter work has been brought about; sixth other employers have been led to see the value of these methods and to adopt them in their dealings with their employes. The principle upon which the whole system of the company is based is simply the showing of a daily personal interest in their employes' comfort and welfare."

When attention was first called to the necessity of bettering the condition of the working classes, the experiments tried were generally denounced as impracticable and visionary. But the revolution has been brought about gradually. The principle itself has been recognized as correct, and this much has been gained for it. How to apply it is the problem of the future. But there can be no doubt that in another bundred years, the condition of the laboring classes will be as much more improved, as they have been from the time Robert Owen first commenced his work for the betterment of those dependent on the enterprising managers of the New Lanark Mills in Scotland.

#### ARMY SURGEONS.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 7, 1901.

Editor Deseret News: Dear Sir-Will you please inform me what the term as to pay and the con-ditions as to appointment, of a contract surgeon in the U. S. army, an oblige A SUBSCRIBER,

The pay of army surgeons is \$130 to \$135 per month. Applications for appointment and for other particulars in relation to the matter may be made to the Surgeon General of the United States Army, Washington, D. C.

The army reorganization bill may be called a heroic measure.

Hold-ups on Boston Common are getting to be quite common,

"O" represents the sphere of letters better than any other member of the

The longer the powers at Pekin negotiate the further the Chinese question seems to be from settlement.

When a smallpox patient breaks a

policeman's jaw he may be said to have

the disease in a virulent form. Where the tramp and the potato come together there will the memory of ex-Gov. Pingree ever be held sa

To be truly successful every Shakespearean revival should be accompanied by a revival of great Shakespearean

It is estimated that the callers at the White House average nine hundred daily. While all are not distinguished citizens it must be admitted that their average is high.

The Humane Society proposes to prosecute all those who are cruel to their beasts. This is right and proper protest is all the more notable because | The toxins and decomposition products | and will have the support of all good | the man of blood and Iron.

of the germs soon kill these, whenever citizens. A merciful man is merciful to

"Is the Senate the treaty making power?" asks the Boston Transcript. So long as treaties have to be ratifled it is. But what a question for a Boston man!

In 1900 it cost \$40.71 to educate a child in the public schools of Greater New York. This was in excess of any previous year but still nearly three dollars under the estimate. It seems excessively high, and is very much higher than the cost in our own city. And we venture to say that the instruction imparted to the children was in no way better than that given in the public schools of Salt Lake City.

Last year was a most remarkable one in the history of British commerce. The foreign trade amounted to the enormous sum of £878,000,000, while the excess of imports and exports over any previous year were respectively £38,-000,000 and £27,000,000. This great increase in Britain's trade was due to industry and enterprise and not to the triumph of any political party.

It is rumored that President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California is to leave that institution and succeed President Eliot at Harvard, who will soon retire from the head of that institution because of his advanced age. This will be a great tribute to California's zeal for higher education. Once before she furnished to one of the country's greatest universities-Johns Hopkins-a president, Daniel C. Gilman, who has made it most successful and who has given it a world-wide fame. Berkely's joss will in every respect be Harvard's gain,

Recently a professor in a distinguished western university resigned. It is said his resignation was the result of his too free criticisms of the financial ways of the founder of the institution. This brought forth more or less adverse comment on American Institutions of learning from European papers and professors. Now, it transpires, five professors of Helsingfors university, Finland, are about to be removed for criticising the government. Then our European critics forget the famous case of the seven professors of Gottingen in the early part of the last century.

#### THE WEST POINT HAZING.

New York Evening Post,

The hazing at West Point and Annapolis is but a survival of practices once customary at civilian colleges throughout the country. In these the graduate public opinion did much to reate a proper spirit among the undergraduates and to end the evil practices. If the West Point graduates are so much scattered to the four points of the compass and so hindered by military discipline as to render it very difficult to impress their views upon the students of the academy, the emergency and the public shame call for extraordinary ef-

#### Chicago Record.

It is gratifying to note that Col. A. L. from a captainey to command the acad-emy for conspicuous bravery at San Juan hill, is of a different opinion, From the beginning of his authority he has opposed hazing with all his influence. and has reduced it to a minimum by appride and courage. He believes in the ourage of the man who will wait to fight till he has cause; who makes a distinction between the bravery of the bully and that of the courageous soldier who saves his blows for his country's The evil conditions now com ing into publicity almost entirely antedate the administration of Col. Mills.

#### Boston Herald,

It may be that the results of the congressional investigation must be waited for before something really practical in he nature of a remedy is suggested. The Springfield Republican is of opinthat the difficulty lies in the methods of governing the academy, the governors and faculty keeping aloof from the cadets, who are immediately gov-erned, controlled and disciplined in their first years by upper class men, to whom they are committed as subordinates. The organic system has not been much

investigated by this committee, perhap because they are entirely familiar with This is a feature to which the congressional committee may properly give special attention. If the system is responsible for the continuance of hazing in spite of the opposition of the governors of the academy it may become necessary to reform the system.

#### Kansas City Star

The friends of Cadet Booz attribute his evident unpopularity in the academy to his religious views. When he left Bristol for West Point his pastor and the Sunday school workers with whom he was associated gave him a Bible. This was reported in the news-papers and it is alleged that the cadets 23-Veteran Artillerymen from Cuba and the Philippines.

PRICES: 25c, 30c, 45c, \$1.00. Stalls and Loges \$1.50. SEATS NOW ON SALE. papers and it is alleged that the cadets ridiculed Booz for it. His friends produce his letters to his pastor, saying I try to read my Bible every day, but it is hard, terribly hard, to be a Christian here. There is a Young Men's Christian association here, but its members are as bad as any of the others."

### New York Mall and Express.

It is useless in the face of such occurrences as have already been related to talk of the desirability of a "little" hazing to take the freshness out of newly arrived cadets. No set of young men has ever been found at any institution who could be trusted to see that the process stopped at the right time. It has inevitably developed into brutality wherever tried. If conclusive evidence of the serious ill-treatment of Cadet Booz has not yet been brought out by the board of inquiry, it is already evident that West Point's reputation has been besmirched in a way to injure the standing of that institution for years to come. The American public is not likely to tolerate such practices in an institution it pays for.

#### Baltimore Sun. Are we reverting to barbarism? Is

college life, with its hazing, cane rushes, football, etc., relapsing to the crude and coarse type of former times? The brutalities of undergraduates might be at-tributed to the larger liberty allowed them nowadays, in comparison with the imes when they were herded in dormiories and closely watched, but for the fact that they present themselves also at West Point and Annapolis, where the students are under military control. Possibly there is a connection between these crudities and the new jingo spirit which has been developing all over the Christian world during the last few de-cades. In the North American Beview December Frederic Harrison traces "the general debasement of tone" the world over to the success of Elsmarck's For the first time in this century hismorek, he says, "made Our national sympathies conrect," he thinks, since the era of

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The International Monthly for January opens with an able article by Emil Reich on "England at the Close of the XIX Century." He gives a comparative study of the status of Britain's interests, military and diplomatic. Bernard Bosanquet, of London, writes on "The English People." Prof. Getkle, of Edinburgh, the great geologist, describes "Mountain Structure and Its Origin." Dr. F. H. Williams, of Boston, writes on "The X-Rays in Medicine," and Herbert Putnam, librarian of Congress, on "The Public Library in the United States."-Burlington, Vt.

Harper's Bazar for Jan. 5, appears while its contents, as always, are among the best of its class. "Fashions for the best of its class. Brides," is its opening article, and the frontispiece is a "Paris Bridal Gown," drawn by Ethel Rose.-Harper & Bros., Franklin Square, New York

"The New England Primer" has been published by Ginn & Co., New York Of the "Primer" it is said that it was in its time one of the greatest books ever published. The reproduction in facsimile of an old edition is interesting chiefly for the sake of comparison be tween the school books of a hundred years ago and today.-Ginn & Co., New

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